

Now You Know the What, When, and Where
of Open  Burning

Follow these Steps:

- ! Check with local news media for forest fire danger alerts or Governor’s declared ban.
- ! Only burn after there has been at least ½ inch of soaking rain and winds are less than five miles per hour. Make sure the area overhead is cleared of flammable material before starting a fire.
- ! Clear a five-foot area around your burn site to serve as a fuel break.
- ! Keep burn piles under ten feet in diameter and two feet high.
- ! Do not burn if the wind can spread the fire.
- ! Never start a fire at the bottom of a slope.
- ! Keep tools handy to control the flames. This includes a water hose, buckets of water, rakes, shovels, or towels.
- ! Notify your local fire department or local Division of Forestry office if a fire becomes uncontrollable.
- ! When burning trash, use a barrel, fireplace, or pit with a weighted screen. Trash is considered to be mostly paper products. Trash is not animal, vegetable, plastic, or rubber products.
- ! Attend all fires until the last spark is out.
- ! Do not burn an old barn or building. You may bury the debris on-site or haul it to a construction or demolition debris landfill.
- ! Do not burn pesticide containers. Triple rinse and return to special collection sites in your county.
- ! Fire training must follow the National Fire Protection Association guidelines for fire training.
- ! Do not illegally burn or dump your trash, instead, reduce, reuse and recycle.



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Still Not Sure?
CALL:

Division for Air Quality	(502) 573-3382
<u>Air Quality REGIONAL OFFICES</u>	
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Bowling Green	(270) 746-7475
Florence	(859) 525-4923
Frankfort	(502) 564-3358
Hazard	(606) 435-6022
London	(606) 878-0157
Owensboro	(270) 687-7304
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Jefferson County Air Pollution	(502) 574-6000
Division of Forestry	(800) 866-0555
Fire Marshal’s Office	(502) 564-3626
Department of Agriculture	(502) 564-4696
Division of Waste Management	(502) 564-6716
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The
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Can I or Can't I?



Should I or Shouldn't I?

Open Burning is any outdoor fire that vents smoke directly into the air without passing through a flue.

THINK ABOUT IT

Open burning can cause health problems for you and your neighbors. The air pollution from open burning can be a special concern for children and people with respiratory diseases like asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis. You can help keep Kentucky’s air clean by following the rules for open burning and finding healthy alternatives to burning.

What Can I Legally Burn?

Some Open Burning Is Allowed With
RESTRICTIONS

- ✓ Camp Fires
- ✓ Ceremonial Bonfires
- ✓ Warming Fires at Construction Sites
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Fire Training
- ✓ Household Trash (Paper products only, no garbage)
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Natural Growth from Land Clearing
- ✓ Plant Beds
- ✓ Tobacco Curing
- ✓ Tree Limbs Felled by Storms
- ✓ Weeds
- ✓ Natural Land Management
- ✓ Animal Carcasses (disease control)


When Can I Burn?

- On occasion, the Governor or county judge may declare a fire emergency, usually during times of drought. When a fire emergency is declared, ALL open burning is prohibited.
- Check for any local ordinances that may prohibit open burning in your area.
- From February 15 through April 30 and October 1 through December 15 (fire hazard season), burning within 150 feet of any wooded or brushy areas is allowed only between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Open burning during ground-level ozone season (May-September) is severely restricted in many areas of the Commonwealth. The burning of natural growth and household rubbish is prohibited in these areas during this time.

Where Can I Burn?


- There are regulations that limit open burning in Boone, Kenton, and Campbell counties as well as urban areas in Bullitt and Oldham counties. From May through September open burning is severely restricted in these areas.
- The Air Pollution Control District of Jefferson County has an open burning regulation more stringent than the state regulation. Most open burning is forbidden in Jefferson County. The district should be contacted to determine what exceptions are allowed.
- Burning within 150 feet of any wooded or brushy areas is allowed only between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., from February 15 through April 30 and October 1 through December 15 (fire hazard season).
- Do not burn within 50 feet of any structure.
- Do not burn near landfills.

Open  Burning of These Items Is Prohibited at All Times

-  **Agriculture**
- Animal Bedding
 - Hay
 - Muck Piles (Horse Manure/Hay)

-  **Chemical Containers**
- Agricultural
 - Household

-  **Construction**
- Asbestos Materials
 - Buildings (Houses, Barns & Garages)
 - Construction Debris
 - Demolition Debris
 - Drywall
 - Shingles

-  **Wood Materials**
- Fence Posts
 - Painted Wood
 - Pallets
 - Sawdust
 - Treated Wood
 - Wood Chips and Shavings
 - Wood Mulch

- Miscellaneous**
- Coated Wire
 - Garbage
 - Insulated Wire
 - Motor Oil
 - Plastic
 - Rubber
 - Tires
 - Used Oil
 - Waste generated by businesses, schools, churches, and farms